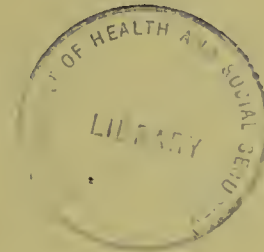


BOROUGH OF SALE



REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR 1968

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF

HEALTH FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1968

DR. W. DAVIDSON-LAMB, M.C., M.B., Ch.B., D.S.H.,

TOOK UP HIS DUTIES

IN SEPTEMBER, 1968.

THE MAYOR

Councillor H. Jackson, J.P., A.S.B.I.

THE DEPUTY MAYOR

Councillor V.S. Webb

HEALTH COMMITTEE

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Councillor G. Russell

OFFICIALS OF THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Medical Officer of Health

J. LEITCH M.D. Ch. BD C.H. D.P.H.
(Acting)

W.DAVIDSON-LAMB, M.C., M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.
(Commenced 1.9.68)

Chief Public Health Inspector

W.NORRIS, Cert.S.I.B.
Certified Meat and Food Inspector

Deputy Chief Public Health Inspector

C.P.WEBB, Cert. P.H.I.E.B.
Certified Meat and Food Inspector
Certified Smoke Inspector.

Public Health Inspectors

J.HENSHAW, Cert. P.H.I.E.B., M.A.P.H.I.
Certified Meat and Food Inspector.

D.A. REYNOLDS, Dip. P.H.I.E.B., M.A.P.H.I.
Certified Meat and Food Inspector.

Cleansing Superintendent

J. HOOPER

Technical Assistant

G. MURPHY

Clerical Assistant

MISS O.B. GIBBONS

Clerk/Typist

MISS S. BOON

Area	3,628.5 acres
Height above sea level :-	
Ashton-on-Mersey	67 ft.
Sale Moor	99 ft.

Population.

Registrar General's estimate mid 1968	55,370
Houses:- Number of habitable dwellings at the end of 1968	19,075
Size of household, (Average no. of persons per house)	2 . 9
Rateable value of the district (Dec 1968)	£1,575,630.
Product of a penny rate, (Financial year, 1967-68)	8,324.
General Rate (Domestic)	12/9d

Sale is a pleasant residential district $5\frac{1}{2}$ miles south west of Manchester, straddling the main road to Chester and North Wales and the Bridgewater Canal. There are a few light industries in the borough, but the majority of the working population is employed in the neighbouring areas.

There is still a large acreage of public parks and open spaces, which are popular with the residents of the Borough.

	<u>Area in Acres</u>
Worthington Park	16.14
Ashton Park	13.68
Walton Park	12.55
Priory Gardens	3.17
Brooklands Rest Park	1.12
Northenden Road Little Park	0.62
Lonsdale Rest Park	0.20
Clarendon Crescent Playing Fields	12.68
Crossford Bridge Recreation Ground	30.63

							<u>Area in Acres</u>
Sale Moor Cricket Ground ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	3.73
Kelsall Street Children's Playground ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	1.33
Harley Road Children's Playground. ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	1.23
Moorside Lawn Tennis Courts. ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.83
Walkden Gardens. ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	5.50
Woodiwiss Farm Playing Field ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	6.57
Moor Nook ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	13.93
Cecil Avenue Site ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	14.41
Altrincham/Sale Boundary - Brook Reservation..	...	...	...	...	...	...	4.50
Manchester/Sale Boundary - Brook Reservation..	...	...	...	...	...	...	1.66
Dalebrook Road - Brook Reservation ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	5.16
Ashbourne Crescent ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.37
Carrington Lane Island Site. ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.21
Overton Crescent ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.64
Chapel Road Rest Park. ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.90
Eastway Rest Park ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.15
Springfield Road ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.03
Brayton Avenue Children's Playground ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.22
Dawlish Road Childrens Playground ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.15
Gratrix Lane Children's Playground ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.40
Broadway Island Site.. ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.17
Tavistock Road Children's Playground ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.17
Bodmin Road Children's Playground. ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.21
Fairy Lane . ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.26
North Parade Island Site ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.22

VITAL STATISTICS

<u>BIRTHS</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Live births, legitimate	472	415	887
illegitimate	<u>27</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>46</u>
	<u>499</u>	<u>434</u>	<u>933</u>

Birth Rate per 1,000 of the estimated population -

crude - 16 . 9

corrected - 15 . 4

Birth Rate for England and Wales 15.1

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Stillbirths	9	8	17

Stillbirth Rate per 1,000 total births (live & Still) 18

Stillbirth Rate for England and Wales 19.2

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Deaths of infants (under 1 year)	23	5	28

From the total of 28 deaths, 3 were illegitimate.

<u>DEATHS</u>	<u>Total</u>
All causes	568
Death Rate per 1,000 estimated population - crude	10.3
- corrected	<u>11.1</u>

CAUSES OF DEATH AT DIFFERENT PERIODS OF LIFE

[illegible]

[illegible]

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Years	0-1	1-4	5-14	15-24	25-44	45-64	64 & over	Total
Scarlet Fever	-	11	12	1	-	-	-	24
Whooping Cough	2	9	8	-	-	-	-	19
Measles	14	302	168	6	-	-	-	490
Dysenttery	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	3
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	3
Total	16	322	182	7	3	2	1	540

(d) Venereal Disease

Treatment Clinics are available as follows:-

Salford, - St. Luke's Hospital.

Males:	Mon & Wed	10 a.m. to 12.30, 2 to 4.30 p.m.
	Tues & Thurs.	
	& Fri	10 a.m. to 12.30, 5 to 7 p.m.
	Sat.	10 a.m. to 12 noon
Females:	Mon & Thurs	10 a.m. to 12.30
	Tues & Fri.	5 to 7 p.m.
	Wed.	2 to 4.30 p.m.
	Sat.	10 a.m. to 12 noon.

Salford - Hope Hospital, Salford 6.

Males:	Mon.	5 to 7 p.m.
Females:	Mon.	5 to 7 p.m.
	Wed.	10 a.m. to 12 noon

Manchester - Royal Infirmary,

Males	Mon & Wed.	5 to 7 p.m.
Females	Tues & Thurs.	5 to 7 p.m.
	Thurs. p.m.	By appointment only

Manchester Venereal Diseases Clinic - Duke Street,

Males	Mon.	10 a.m. to 12 noon, 2 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.
	Tues, Thurs	
	& Fri.	10 a.m. to 12.30. & 5 to 7 p.m.
	Wed.	All day
	Sat.	10 a.m. to 12 noon.
Females	Mon & Thurs.	10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.
	Tues & Fri.	5 to 7 p.m.
	Wed.	2 to 4.30 p.m.
	Sat.	10 a.m. to 12 noon.

Mr. Mayor, Gentleman,

I have pleasure in presenting my report for the period 1st January, 1968 to 31st December, 1968.

Sale (Brooklands) Cemetery

Area

Unused.....	1 acre
Used.....	15½ acres
Under developement.....	1 acre
Non-burial Zone.....	1 acre
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	18½ acres

Number of Interments	205
Number of times Mortuary used for reception of bodies	56
Number of Post Mortems held	53
Number of examinations without Post-Mortems	2
Number of bodies received in to Rest Chapel	90

Disposal by Cremation now accounts for :-

Year ending 31st December, 1968	51.4% of the total death rate for the U.K.
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G.W. NICHOLAS.

Cemetery Superintendent & Registrar.

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTION OF THE AREA

INSPECTIONS MADE DURING THE YEAR

Inspections under the Housing Act, 1964	1,124
Insoections under the Public Health Acts and other Housing Legislation	1,084
Re-inspections	1,102
Houses in Multiple Occupation	234
Drainage Inspections	447
Factory Act Inspections	50
Milk and Dairy Regulations Inspections	92
Food and Drugs Act Inspections	635
Slaughterhouse Visits for Meat Inspection	118
Prevention of Damage by Pests Act Inspections	336
Petroleum Installation Inspections	99
Infectious Disease Visits	205
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963	155
Miscellaneous	360
Inspections by Technical Assistant	1,015
Pet Animals Act Inspections	6
Letters and Informal Notices	59
Statutory Notices Served	32
Complied with by Owners	20
Notices served under the Cheshire County Council Act. Section 99	5
Work Carried out by Local Authority in default	3

WORK CARRIED OUT DURING THE YEAR

UNDER THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND HOUSING ACTS

Defective roofs	40
Defective gutters	30
Defective rainwater fall pipes	6
Defective soil pipes	2
Defective sink waste pipes	5
Defective floors	13
Defective firegrates	7
Defective yard surfaces	7
Defective yard walls	4
Defective baths	3
Defective plaster	58
Defective pointing and brickwork	24
Defective windows and doors	49
Defective chimneys	5
Defective watercloset compartments	9
Defective waterclosets	10
Defective drains	12
Choked drains	160
Dampness remedied	15
New Sink provided	2

RATS AND MICE

During the year 240 minor cases of rat infestation and 30 cases of mice infestation were investigated.

Treatment of the sewers is carried out twice yearly, usually in the Spring and Autumn.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963.

Registrations and General Inspections.

Offices	-	182
Retail shops	-	380
Wholesale shops, warehouses	-	13
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens	-	36
Fuel storage depots	-	2
Total number of registered premises at end of year.		<u>613</u>

Analysis of persons employed in registered
 premises by workplace.

<u>Class of Workplace</u>	<u>No. of persons employed</u>	
	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Offices	1089	647
Retail shops	561	1057
Wholesale departments, warehouses	82	36
Catering establishments open to the public	171	253
Canteens	-	-
Fuel storage depots	16	-
Total :	3912	
Total Males	1919	
Total Females	1993	

Factories and Workshops.

1. Inspection of Factories, workshops and workplaces, including inspections made by the Public Health Inspector:-

	Inspections	Notices	Occupiers prosecuted
Factories with mechanical power	70	-	-
Factories without mechanical power	8	-	-
Other premises under the Act, (including works of building and engineering construction, but not including outworkers' premises	12	-	-
Total	90	-	-

2. Defects found:-

	Number of defects			Number of defects in respect of which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred to Inspector	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-
Sanitary conveniences:- Insufficient, unsuitable or defective	5	5	-	-
Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-
Other offences (not including offences under Sections mentioned in the Schedule to the Ministry of Health (Factories and Workshops Transfer of Powers) Orders, 1921, and re-enacted in the 3rd Schedule to the Factories Act, 1937)				
Total	5	5	-	-

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Unsound Food

The following food has been surrendered during the year as being unfit for human consumption:-

Frozen Food	3,784 packets
Corned Beef	137lb 8oz also 1 tin
Ham	272 lb 7oz
Fruit	246 tins
Vegetables	94 tins
Tomatoes	75 tins
Pilchards	5 tins
Soup	26 tins
Rice Pudding	37 tins
Meat	2 lb.
Stewed Steak	9 lb. also 7 tins
Pork Shoulder	121 lb.4 oz.
Sauce	3 bottles
Cordial	3 bottles
Fish	5 tins
Baked Beans	32 tins
Lamb	148 lb. also 1 tin
Jam	10 jars
Pie fillings	7 tins
Fruit Juice	7 tins
Cranberry Sauce	1 tin
Tomatoe Puree	5 tins
Milk	10 tins
Pudding	8 tins
Peas	2 tins
Cream	3 tins
Tomatoe Juice	8 tins
Potato Salad	1 tin
Ravioli	1 tin
Pork Roll	3 lb. 4 oz.
Semolina	10 tins
Tomatoe Paste	4 tins
Ginger Beer	1 bottle
Marmalade	1 jar
Pickled Onions	1 jar
Butter	3 packets
Salt	1 packet
Lard	1 packet
Cherry Pie Filling	9 tins

Unsound Food (cont.)

Macaroni	2 tins
Salmon	1 tin
Ox Tongue	1 tin
Tuna Fish	2 tins
Bacon	18 lb.
Chickens	115 also 14 lb. 6 oz.
Pork	8 lb. 14 oz.
Tongue	6 lb. also 1 tin
Golden Syrup	1 tin
Minced Beef	5 tins
Chopped Ham	3 tins
Luncheon Meat	1 tin also 8lb.
Irish Stew	3 tins
Herring Roes	1 tin
Spaghetti	3 tins
Chicken fillets	12 tins
Chopped Pork	4 tins
Hot Dogs	1 tin
Pork Loin	8 tins
Cheese Spread	1 packet
Turkey Spread	1 jar
Potted Beef	1 jar
Loose Chocolates	74 lb.
Sultanas	1 packet

MEAT INSPECTION

Bullocks	102
Heifers	99
Lambs	804
Cows	4
Calves	1

Condemnations

Livers	45
Lungs	18
Heart	3
Lamb Carcass	1

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

During the year 142 samples were examined under the Food and Drugs Act, 1955. Details of these are given in the following tables.

Samples	No.Examined	No.Adulterated or irregular	% Adulteration
<u>FOOD</u>			
Bread	2	2	100.0
Butter	1	-	-
Cheese and Cheese products	14	5	35.7
Chocolate Confectionery	13	3	23.1
Fish Products - canned	1	-	-
Flour confectionery - other than bread	5	-	-
Fruit - juice	1	-	-
Fruit - other	1	-	-
Ice Lolly Syrup	1	-	-
Margarine	1	-	-
Meat Products - canned	4	-	-
Meat Products - pies	3	-	-
Meat Products - sausages	3	1	33.3
Milk - for compositional analysis	35	-	-
Milk - products	4	-	-
Milk - others	1	1	100.0
Preserves	1	-	-
Sauces and Relishes	1	-	-
Soft drinks	13	3	23.1
Spices condiments and herbs	1	-	-
Spirits	6	1	16.7
Sugar, syrup etc.	1	-	-
Sugar confectionery	3	-	-
Table Jellies, desserts	11	-	-
Bovril	1	-	-
TOTAL FOODS	128	16	12.5

Sample	No. Examined	No. Adulterated or irregular	%Adulteration
<u>DRUGS</u>			
Apisate Tablets	1	-	-
Cetavlon P.C.	1	-	-
Contac 400 capsules	1	-	-
Crystapon V. Syrup 125	1	1	100.0
Esidrex Tablets 25 mg	1	-	-
Gernolene	1	-	-
Gripe Mixture	1	-	-
Halibut Liver Oil Capsules	1	-	-
Ledernycin	1	-	-
Soluble Aspirin	1	-	-
Vanquin Suspension	1	-	-
Vick medicated cough drops	1	-	-
Vylmin Fortified	1	-	-
Zynocin Tablets	1	-	-
TOTAL DRUGS	14	1	7.1

Milk

The average composition of the thirty-five milk samples submitted during the year is given below:-

Milk other than Channel Islands - 29 samples submitted
Minimum Requirements

Fat %	3.62	3.00
Non-fatty solids%	8.63	8.50
Total solids %	12.25	11.50

Milk - Channel Islands - 6 samples submitted
Minimum requirements

Fat %	4.63	4.00
Non-fatty solids%	8.97	8.50
Total Solids %	13.60	12.50

No "Appeal to Cow" samples were analysed during the year.

The samples found to be adulterated or otherwise irregular, are listed in the following table:

Article	Nature of Adulteration or Irregularity	Observations
Pork sausages	Contained undeclared preservative.	Vendor cautioned
Austrian smoked medium fat processed cheese	Contaminated with mould of the penicillium species	Vendor cautioned and further stocks inspected.
Wensleydale Cheese	Contaminated with several small patches of mould, smelled musty.	Vendor cautioned and further stocks inspected.
Alpenhaun Bahn Brie Cheese	Label did not give appropriate description i.e. full fat soft cheese	Label to be amended on further supplies
Pikado Cheese spread	Contained only 13.8% w/w fat as compared with the minimum of 20% w/w as required under the Cheese Regulations 1965.	Manufacturer's to change label.
Allegauer Cheese	Labelling irregularity - label did not include a description of the food present in addition to the cheese namely ham (10%)	Importers notified
Slice of bread	An insect, probably a Window Gnat, (anisopus fenestralis) was embedded in the bread in such a way that it must have been present before baking.	Baker informed. No further action.
Blackcurrant Drink	Low fruit juice content	Further sample taken.
Blackcurrant Drink	Fruit juice content less than the minimum requirement of 10% as laid down in the Soft Drinks Regulations, 1964.	Sample still low in fruit content. Packers notified.

Article	Nature of violation or irregularity	Observations
Low Calorie Lemon Barley	This soft drink was sold in response to a request for a diabetic drink. The drink complied with Regulation 5(4) of the Soft Drinks Regulations 1964 which specifies the requirements for diabetic soft drinks but the word 'diabetic' did not appear on the label as required by Regulation 10.	Vendor interviewed
Milk (complaint)	Inside of bottle contaminated with dirt.	Dairy given severe caution.
Loose Nut Chocolate (Complaint)	Contained a larve of the Flour Moth (<i>Ephestria</i> <i>Sevicarium</i> (<i>Kirhniella</i>))	Legal proceedings taken Fine of £5 imposed.
Crystapen V Syrup 125	Satisfactory analytically but did not comply with the labelling requirements of the Therapeutic Substances Act.	Food and Drugs Authorities not responsible for enforcing these requirements. Appropriate authority notified.
Brown Loaf	1. Vitamin content claim not justified. 2. Labelling Irregularity declaration about slicing not conspic- uous as required by the Bread and Flour Regulations.	Producers notified Label amended.
Vodka	Proof spirit only 64.5°	Formal sample taken.
Mirliton Liquide chocolate	Labelling Irregularity Inadequate description in English.	Importers notified.
Abriocot Liquide Chocolate	Labelling Irregularity. Inadequate description in English.	Importers notified.

Preservatives

Seventy-four samples were examined for preservatives. They comprised:- 1 apple and blackberry jam; 1 apricot chutney; 3 blackcurrant drinks; 1 black pudding; 3 blanchmanges; 1 cake mix; 1 cut mixed peel; 2 double cream; 1 flan mix; 1 fresh cream; 1 fruit flip; 1 grapefruit squash; 1 golden syrup jelly; 1 ice lolly syrup; 1 instant whip; 1 Irn Bru; 4 jellies; 1 jiffi jelly; 1 lemon drink; 1 lemon juice; 1 lime juice; 1 low calorie lemon barley; 35 milks; 1 mixed spice; 4 orange drinks; 1 pork sausage; 1 sausage roll; 1 soured cream and 1 rose hip syrup.

One sample, the pork sausage, contained undeclared preservatives.

Miscellaneous

55 atmospheric deposits were examined in connection with an alleged nuisance from a coal yard.

One swimming bath water was examined, also two samples from the vicinity of an asbestos tip. A paper bag of the type used for refuse collection was examined for the presence of chemicals likely to cause dermatitis but there was no indication of the presence of anything of this nature.
